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The Honorable Mary Pat Thyng
United States District Court
844 N. King Street
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Wilmington, DE 19801

RE: ANIC v. Wilds & Geiger
Del.Dist., C.A. No. 06-237(***)

Dear Judge Thyng:

I am submitting this status report as required by Your Honor's Order dated February 9, 2007. A telephone conference is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

As of this writing, Mr. Brady is in the hospital and is not expected to be released until the end of the week at the earliest. As such, he has not reviewed this letter.

The case was filed on April 10, 2006 by American National Insurance Company. ANIC deposited its insurance policy of \$114,791 with the Court and they have been terminated from the litigation effective August 10, 2006 (DI-18). Mr. Brady represents defendant Joan L. Geiger. I represent defendant Ruth A. Wilds. The defendants are siblings. The issue is the distribution of insurance proceeds due to the death of their mother. On October 2, 2006, Judge Jordan entered a scheduling order (DI-19). Mediation is scheduled before Your Honor on June 25, 2007 (DI-28).

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On November 29, 2006 Wilds filed her initial disclosures, interrogatories and request for production (DI-25-27). To date, Geiger has not submitted her initial disclosures or responses to discovery requests. Depositions have not been scheduled. The discovery cutoff was January 31, 2007 (DI-19).

The parties believe that mediation will be very useful and productive. No settlement discussions have taken place.

I am available at the Court's convenience.

Respectfully,

/s/ Donald L. Gouge, Jr. #2234

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C: John F. Brady, Esquire

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

AMERICAN NATIONAL
INSURANCE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

V.

RUTH A. WILDS and JOAN L. GEIGER,
Defendants.

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C.A. No. 06-237(KAJ)

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